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ANALYSIS

OF THE
THE BRITISH MUSEUM LIBRARY

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READING-SOCIETY,

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I.

THAT the number of members be limited to sixteen, exclusive of the Secretary.

II.

THAT each member deposit one guinea, as a fund to commence with, and subscribe one guinea per annum; the first annual payment to be due on the 3d of April, 1801; and to be paid notwithstanding any member withdrawing in the mean time.

III.

THAT Mr. R. B. WILSON, be Secretary.

IV. THAT

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THAT the following books be regularly purchased for the use of the society, viz. *Robinson's Annual Register*, *Monthly Review*, *British Critic*, and *Monthly Magazine*; and that the Secretary be requested to accept the *Annual Register* for his trouble.

V.

THAT the Secretary is at liberty to purchase whatever books he may judge proper; the price not to exceed nine shillings.

VI.

THAT any member wishing to propose a book, shall send to the Secretary the title, price, and bookseller's name, which the Secretary shall inscribe on the cover of the first convenient pamphlet, and each member is requested to signify his assent or dissent by the letters A. or D. with the initials of his name; the Secretary to be guided by the majority.

VII.

THAT the Secretary shall regularly number each book, and mark on it the title, and the time he judges necessary for the reading, with the names of the members in the order in which it is to be circulated; each member to date on it the day he ought to receive, as well as the day

day he ought to pass it on, unless it has been detained by the preceding member, in which case he must date it the day he does receive it. Absence or indisposition to be no excuse.

VIII.

THAT any member, keeping a book beyond the time allowed, shall forfeit,

If under the price of five shillings, three-pence	} per day.
Above five shillings, sixpence	

And any member detaining a book six days beyond the limited time, and complaint thereof being made to the Secretary, his name shall be left out till the next general meeting, which shall determine whether such member shall be continued, upon payment of such fine as shall then be thought proper, or be excluded the society, and forfeit all interest therein.

IX.

THAT any member misdating a book, not dating it, or dating it on Sunday, shall be fined one shilling.—*Note,* Sunday is always to be reckoned in the number of days allowed, except the time expires on that day, when it is to be forwarded on the next, and the word Monday added to the date, subject to the penalty of one shilling.

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THAT any member sending a book out of the rota, and complaint thereof being made to the Secretary, he shall leave his name out till the next general meeting.

XI.

THAT the last member on the rota is permitted to detain any book three days beyond the time allowed, but in case of longer detention, (which must not by any means exceed the number of days marked on the book,) previous written notice thereof must be sent to the Secretary, or he will be subject to the same penalty as in the 8th article,

XII.

THAT if any member lose or damage a book, he shall immediately apply to the Secretary, that the same may be reinstated, at his own expence, or he shall incur the penalty as in the case of detention in the 8th article; and any member receiving a damaged book, must notice it upon the cover, or, neglecting to do so, will himself be accountable for the same.

XIII.

THAT there shall be two general meetings of this society in each year, viz. in April and in October, for the payment of subscription and fines, and sale of books; each book

to be put up at half-price in the name of the proposer, and, no person advancing, he is to take it at that price. The Secretary to give to each member at least six days written notice of the time and place of meeting; and any member neglecting to attend (unless ill or on a journey) within half an hour of the time mentioned in the summons, or leaving before the business is finished, (without permission of a majority of the members present,) shall forfeit two shillings and sixpence. Five members are sufficient to proceed to business.

XIV.

THAT the Secretary shall call a special meeting of the society, at the written requisition of five members, or at any other time he thinks necessary, giving six days written notice. The fine for non-attendance, &c. the same as in the 13th article.

XV.

THAT in case of vacancy in this society, notice thereof must be given by the Secretary to each member, and no person to be admitted unless with the consent of two-thirds of the members present; every new member to purchase his share of the society's stock.

XVI. THAT

XVI. **THAT** the Secretary shall on no account neglect to notice any fine that may be incurred. A member thinking himself aggrieved, may appeal to the society, and if he then refuse to pay what shall be agreed to by them, he shall no longer be considered as a member, and shall forfeit all interest in the society.

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